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Howard S. Morris

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701

RE: MUR 7133

Paul Chabot Congress, et al.

Dear Mr. Morris:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your Complaint dated September 6, 2016, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe Paul Chabot Congress and Kelly Lawler in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b) and 30116(f) and Paul R. Chabot in his personal capacity violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). Accordingly, on March 6, 2018, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003), and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

The Act allows a Complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Shanna Reulbach, the attorney assigned to this matter, at sreulbach@fec.gov or (202) 694-1638.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson Acting General Counsel

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